

MERCHANTS DENY CHARGE OF CONTROLLING PRICES

Resolutions Passed by Association Concerning Question of Profitmaking.

Members of the Retail Merchants' association, made the statement of the charge of profiteering pass unnoticed as made at a meeting of the women's council last week, therefore, took action in passing resolutions regarding the matter at their meeting Monday.

Charles Hardie, the president of the association, made the statement that the association had bought space in the newspapers last fall, inviting complaints of a specific nature. In order that they might be investigated, the association and if true, condemned; if not, that the merchant might be exonerated. Then not a single complaint was filed, he said. He declared that the association stands ready at any time to investigate complaints if made to them, or to refer such complaints to disinterested parties, and co-operate with them in making such investigations.

A sweeping denial was made of the charge made by the Council of Women that the association controls prices and profits of local merchants. It was further declared to be absolutely unfounded and the general criticism of the merchants of the city as a whole. Mr. Hardie said that he knows no city where there are not people who constantly think they are imposed upon, and that the local association had already volunteered to do everything in its power to protect the purchaser from being overcharged. Therefore, the association passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, it has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Retail Merchants' association that a renewal of criticism of the mercantile interests has come about through a meeting last week of the Federated Women's clubs, be it

"Resolved, That this board reaffirm and emphasize its position with regard to conditions complained of.

"First—The charge that the association controls prices and profits is absolutely unfounded and unfair. The Retail Merchants' association, which has been in existence for about fifteen years, has never at any time considered the matter of price and profit. Its prime object is to improve methods and ethics of business, which, of course, includes fair treatment of customers, no matter who and what they are.

"Second—We positively disapprove of overcharging and profiteering against soldiers, strangers or permanent residents. If there has ever been any, and do everything we can to discourage it, both by official action and by individual influence. If any firm is guilty we want to ferret out the facts, find out who it is, make restitution if possible, and by all means bring about a discontinuance of the practice. For the sake of the community, it is essential, namely, identity of the store complained of, name of the complaining party, date of the transaction, etc.

"Third—The association feels that it is an injustice to the merchants of Chattanooga as a whole for organizations and citizens to make general charges, which do not help us to investigate, and in which we are unable to comprehend is calculated to bring about a correction of the wrong practices if indeed they exist. So far as we are advised or have any way of forming an opinion, the members of the merchants' association are not overcharging or discriminating. But if any one genuinely feels that an imputation has been worked upon him, the only way to clear up the matter is by investigation which makes submitting facts necessary. No fair court or investigating body in the land would decide a case without hearing both sides or at least giving both a chance to be heard."

The regular executive board meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, having

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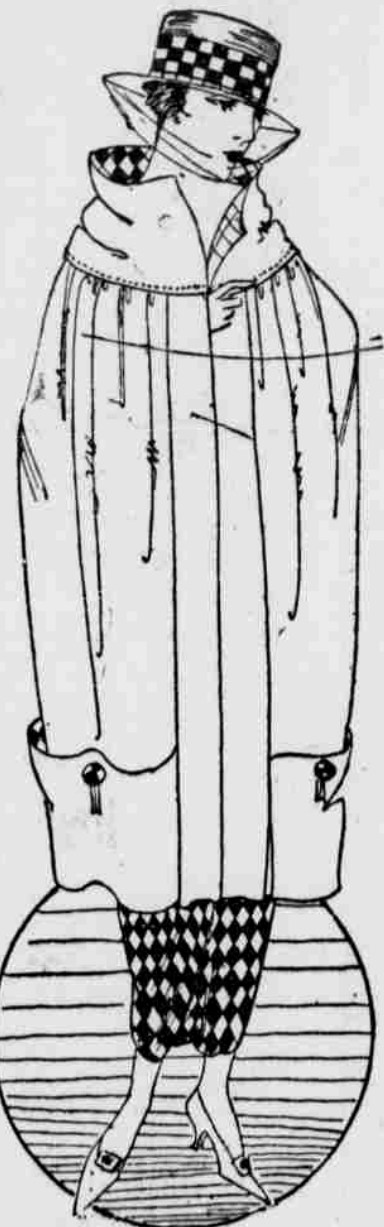
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This cape of tricotine in dark blue is built for all purposes. It is a utility garment suited to wear with the street frock, for sports wear, or to cover a simple evening gown. It shows the new deep yoke that is apparently a part of the new dress collar, and has a smart upturned hem, lined and buttoned with the plaid lining. The cape is lined with tulle and blue and white checker-board design and the sport skirt and smart little hat complete an unusually good costume.

been moved up one week, on account of Miss Thatcher, the president leaving soon for her vacation.

CUBAN BUSINESS MAN VISITS IN CHATTANOOGA

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stogall have as their guest L. S. Thompson, a popular young business man of Cayo Mason, Cuba.

MISS MYRTLE HILLIARD WEDS FLOYD L. HILTON

Dr. A. W. Hilliard announces the marriage of his sister, Miss Myrtle Hilliard, to Floyd Lynnwood Hilton, Saturday, June 1, Springfield, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton will reside in Tulsa, Okla., where the bridegroom is connected with a large oil corporation. The wedding date had been set for April 20, but was postponed owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Hilton.

The bride has a large number of friends here who will be interested to learn of her marriage. She is a sister of Mrs. C. R. Heard, of Highland Park.

The following items appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Atlanta Journal:

Miss Alice Dorrough returned home yesterday from Chickamauga, Ga., where she has been visiting the Misses Jewell for the past month.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Hinman entertained in honor of a group of friends from Camp Greenleaf, including Maj. and Mrs. Sherrod, Maj. and Mrs. Joseph Eby and Lieut. Todd.

CLUB PRESIDENTS TO CHAPERONE SOLDIERS

Party for Enlisted Men Discussed at Called Meeting of Francis Walker Chapter.

The heads of all women's organizations in the city will serve as chaperones at the party for soldiers to be given by the Francis M. Walker chapter, U. D. C., next Saturday night. The place selected for holding the entertainment is the courthouse lawn. Mrs. L. D. Strong, president of the organization; Mrs. Leon Henderson and others are at work on the lists of committees. Plans for the

party were discussed at a called meeting of the chapter held Monday afternoon in the lounge room of the Loveman store. Arrangements are almost completed for making the event one of the most enjoyable of the many social occasions given by the Francis Walker chapter.

EAST CHATTANOOGA W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The East Chattanooga W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of the grammar school.

O. L. H. ASSOCIATION MEETS WEDNESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the O. L. H. association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home in Ridgedale.

W. C. T. U. WILL MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The regular business meeting of the Chattanooga W. C. T. U. will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the parlor of the Francis Willard.

"CAN VEGETABLES AND FRUITS" THE SLOGAN

Community Meeting at Harrison—Demonstrations by Mrs. Lauderbach.

Mrs. J. B. Lauderbach, county home demonstrator, announced that tin cans sufficient for use during the summer have been secured. These will be distributed among the home demonstrators.

Demonstrations in canning are being held this week at the various schools under the direction of Mrs. Lauderbach. It is hoped that each housewife will can and dry enough vegetables to supply their family during the winter. At the North Central grammar school today Mrs. Lauderbach is giving a demonstration in canning green peas, using the steam pressure canner. By this method it is said much fuel is saved as no labor is required. Wednesday morning at the courthouse a meeting of the home economic teachers will be held, when plans will be completed for a special course to be given the canning club girls. The course will be given at the different rural high schools.

A community meeting will be held Wednesday evening at Harrison grammar school. The proceeds will be given to the Harrison Red Cross auxiliary.

Among those who will take part on the program are Miss Flora Long, Miss Jean Marvin, James Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guthrie and Mrs. Lauderbach will give an illustrated talk on "Dairying and Butter Making." Music will be furnished by Stagg's band.

Friday at Mountain Creek school Mrs. Lauderbach will demonstrate the use of the fireless cooker and wheat substitutes.

TO ASSIST IN SPECIAL MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

Plan Discussed by Auxiliary to Board of Missions at St. Paul's.

It was announced at a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Diocesan Board of Missions of St. Paul's church Monday afternoon that activities for the next year will center upon two objects following the request of the bishop of the diocese. The first will be the work of the church at Monterey, a mountain mission having a clergyman in charge. In addition to the usual equipment for missionary work a great deal will be done amongst those who are sick in the community, a hospital having recently been established there.

The other object will be the bishop's guild. This guild aids Bishop Thomas Taylor in his work among the needy. The war work to be undertaken by the auxiliary next fall was also outlined. The plan will be worked out entirely along spiritual lines.

Mrs. Lauderbach will give an interesting report of the diocesan meeting recently held in Memphis.

CHATTANOOGANS CHOSEN FOR DUTY AT GETTYSBURG

Twenty-five Members of First Platoon Honored on Decoration Day.

It is reported that people in Gettysburg, Pa., are wondering if there are any more at home like the first platoon of 302 heavy tank battalion, which had from Chattanooga. It seems that when the Red Cross of the town made a request for a detachment of twenty-five of the best trained and most experienced soldiers to be sent to New Bedford, Pa., for special duty on Decoration day, the full number was chosen by the command from amongst the ranks of Chattanooga. Since then, it is said, the entire first platoon has been taken under the wing of the Red Cross. In addition to the ceremonial of Memorial day the soldier boys were accorded the privilege of meeting some of the very prettiest young ladies of the section. Stories of the courtesies extended Chattanooga boys in Gettysburg are coming in profusion.

GIRLS' HOME TO SELL CHATAUQUA TICKETS

Members of the Girls' Home association are earnestly urging the public to buy Chattanooga tickets from them, as the management will get 20 per cent. of all they sell. Tickets may be had of any member of the committee or obtained at the J. R. Jarnigan store at 720 Market street.

The following ladies have been appointed as chairmen of the committee to canvass the city for the sale of tickets: Meadames C. C. Nottingham, Rachel Marshall, J. N. Schlessinger, O. P. Darwin, Peter Gorman, W. A. McMahon, Edwin C. Thatcher, Charles E. Brady, Edward Rose, Willard Steele, W. A. Williams, James Gager, F. F. Hooper, J. L. Bibb, Newton Logan, Nathan Bachman, Bell Spencer, Misses Julia Miller, Greta Wert, Elizabeth Read.

A meeting was held at the J. R. Jarnigan store this morning, the territory divided and each chairman's committee named.

The drive was immediately launched for the sale of tickets.

Report of the nine circles devoted to missionary work was submitted at the meeting of Centenary Missionary society, held Monday afternoon at the church. Circle No. 9 reported that twenty-four dollars had been made recently for the children of the Vine street orphanage.

There was a large attendance. All circles were represented and the reports were unusually good.

There was no program.

Mrs. L. D. Webb, president, was in charge.

BABY OPERA TO BE GIVEN AT LYRIC THIS EVENING

The baby opera will be given tonight at the Lyric theater under direction of Miss Pauline Conrie, instead of Friday, as announced. The opera will be given for the benefit of the Florence Crittenton League of Mercy.

SOCIETY PERSONALS

Miss Virginia Williams is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tolley in Columbia, Tenn., as the guest of Mrs. Robert L. Taylor, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. C. M. Sands has returned from a visit to relatives at Tracy City.

A. C. Sands, who has been visiting his mother, will return to Augusta, Ga., soon.

Boyd W. Hargraves, who has been very ill, is reported as slowly improving.

Miss Effie East, of Rockwood, Tenn., is the guest of Miss Maude Clarke. She will be an attendant at the Rectory-Clarke wedding.

Misses Emma and Nellie Greenwood and Miss Edna Caulkins will return this week from Martha Washington college. During the past week they have been attending a house party, given by Miss Elizabeth Honiger at her home near Abingdon, Va.

Miss Annie Marie Landress, who has been attending Agnes Scott college the past winter, has returned home with her mother, Mrs. Annie Gilbert, in Highland Park. Clarence Gilbert left Thursday for Norfolk, Va., to enter a naval training school.

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George Grafton, of Atlanta, was the week-end guest of his brother, E. W. Grafton, and family, on Oak street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Forrest Cope, of Ridgedale, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 10-pound boy. He has been named G. Forrest, Jr. Mrs. Cope was, before her marriage, Miss Bessie Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wann spent the week-end at Wright's Mineral springs.

Mrs. Walter Whitaker, of Abingdon, Va., is the guest of Miss Virginia Brentner. Mrs. Whitaker was formerly Miss Caroline Rector of this city.

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Read Card, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Card, will leave Wednesday for College Park, Md. He belongs to the radio division of the signal corps and has been attending the University of Tennessee, where he received his training. A telegram received yesterday called him to College Park for active service. Miss Era Card, of Maryville college, and Miss Irene Card, of Peabody college, have returned home.

Mrs. T. Z. Cason has gone to Chicago to visit her brother.

Mrs. C. M. Ford, of Lexington, Ky., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. T. C. Ervin. Mr. and Mrs. Ford will go to Nashville shortly to reside.

Mrs. D. E. Bushnell will go to Washington this week to visit Miss Emma Bushnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Reilly have received word of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Lieut. William Irving Reilly.

Mrs. Fred Grindler, of the Lookout nursery, who underwent an operation at the Highlands sanitarium, has returned to her home east of Missionary ridge and is reported doing well.

Stewart Roberts has been assigned special duty at Plattsburg, N. Y., where his work will consist in instructing in vocal music 150 college men.

Miss Leo Prestwood, who has been seriously ill at Erlanger hospital as a result of an auto accident, is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chapman, of Cincinnati, are the guests of Mrs. F. W. Smith. Mrs. Chapman having been called here by the illness of her sister, Miss Leo Prestwood.

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BOB ALLISON MAKES RAID ON BOCHE TRENCH

Chattanooga Boy Writes Home of His Experiences—Enjoying Jaunt Hugely.

Corpl. Robert G. Allison, brother of Mrs. L. Thayer Stem, of East Lake, and formerly a bookkeeper for S. T. & W. A. Dewees, has "gone over the top" in "no man's land." Although struck by pieces of shell, he said none of the places were bad—"only scratches." In referring to the raid on the boches, Corpl. Allison said: "We went to the Germans' third line. Only a few got killed and wounded. I got back all O. K.—feeling fine."

The young soldier is a member of Company A, 117th Engineers, American expeditionary force. He arrived in France last fall with the Rainbow division. In a recent letter to Mrs. Stem he said: "Just think: I have been over here six months. I have my service stripe. Guess you have seen them. They are gold and are worn on the left sleeve. The wound chevron is just like the service chevron, but is worn on the right sleeve."

In another letter he had the following to say about "going over the top": "Sis, you remember I told you in a letter some time ago that I had a lot to tell you about a certain trip. I am going to take a chance and tell it now. I went 'over the top.' It sure was great. Our captain called for volunteers one morning, announcing it was a dangerous work. I thought he wanted some men to go over the top, so I stepped out and was the first to volunteer. He first told me I couldn't go, but after talking about how I would like to be in the first raiding party to go over the top he finally let me join them. I thought at first it would scare us to death, but not a man in the party looked like he was even worried. We arrived at our first line just a few minutes before the 'zero hour' and all took a little drink of rum. Then the barrage started and we marched into 'no man's land' and on through to Germany. Gee, but it was great! Those machine gun bullets and shells from the enemy didn't sound so good as they flew by us, either. I sent you a clipping about the raid some time ago. Guess you have read 'Over the Top' by Sergt. Empey. Well, he hasn't got a thing on me, and, what's more, the bloody Germans haven't got my number."

He said that he was glad to hear that his sister and all were well and in good spirits. "That is the way to be," he wrote. "Don't worry one bit, for you can rest assured that no matter how thick or thin 'Little Bobbie' is looking out for No. 1."

The clipping regarding the raid said that a sudden coup de main was effected by French and American troops in Lorraine, in the Leintrey region; that the artillery preparations, carried out by French and American batteries, working in perfect accord, were followed by an attack by a French battalion close to Leintrey and an American detachment 300 strong further to the right. It was set forth that on the first sign of trouble the boches had taken the precaution to evacuate their lines, so that the French and Americans were able to investigate the enemy's first positions and wreck the shelters with explosives at their leisure. The article stated that the Americans penetrated as far as the third German trench in Bois des Chiens and the little operation was completely successful from every point of view.

Corpl. Allison has many friends in Chattanooga. He attended Central High school and later was a student at Morgan school in Fayetteville. His sister is the wife of Dr. Stem, well-known physician.

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